

KANT ON PERSONS AND AGENCY

Today we consider ourselves to be free and equal persons, capable of acting rationally and autonomously in both practical (moral) and theoretical (scientific) contexts. The essays in this volume show how this conception was first articulated in a fully systematic fashion by Immanuel Kant in the eighteenth century. Twelve leading scholars shed new light on Kant's philosophy, with each devoting particular attention to at least one of three aspects of this conception: autonomy, freedom, and personhood. Some focus on clarifying the philosophical content of Kant's position, while others consider how his views on these issues cohere with his other distinctive doctrines, and yet others focus on the historical impact that these doctrines had on his immediate successors and on our present thought. Their essays offer important new perspectives on some of the most fundamental issues that we continue to confront in modern society.

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agency has been a model for us all*

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The following abbreviations for the titles of Kant's works will be used throughout the volume.

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| Anth | <i>Anthropologie in pragmatischer Hinsicht (Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View)</i> |
| EaD | <i>Das Ende aller Dinge (The End of All Things)</i> |
| EEMW | <i>Etwas über den Einfluß des Mondes auf die Witterung (Something Concerning the Influence of the Moon on the Weather)</i> |
| EzA | <i>Erläuterungen zu Achenwall (Lectures and Drafts on Political Philosophy)</i> |
| G | <i>Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten (Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals)</i> |
| Jäsche | <i>Jäsche Logik (Jäsche Logic)</i> |
| KrV | <i>Kritik der reinen Vernunft (Critique of Pure Reason)</i> . Note: the KrV is cited, as is standard practice, according to the A and B pagination from the original first and second editions. |
| KpV | <i>Kritik der praktischen Vernunft (Critique of Practical Reason)</i> |
| KdU | <i>Kritik der Urteilskraft (Critique of the Power of Judgment)</i> |

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| MAdN | <i>Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Naturwissenschaften (Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science)</i> |
| MS | <i>Metaphysik der Sitten (Metaphysics of Morals)</i> |
| ND | <i>Nova dilucidatio (New Elucidation)</i> |
| NF | <i>Naturrecht Feyerabend (Lectures on Natural Right)</i> |
| Op | <i>Opus Postumum (Opus Postumum)</i> |
| Rel | <i>Die Religion innerhalb der Grenzen der bloßen Vernunft (Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason)</i> |
| SF | <i>Der Streit der Fakultäten (Conflict of the Faculties)</i> |
| TP | <i>Über den Gemeinspruch: Das mag in der Theorie richtig sein, taugt aber nicht für die Praxis (On the Common Saying: That May Be Correct in Theory, but It Is of No Use in Practice)</i> |
| VL | <i>Vorlesungen über Logik (Lectures on Logic)</i> |
| VMet | <i>Vorlesungen über Metaphysik (Lectures on Metaphysics)</i> |
| VMor | <i>Vorlesungen über Moralphilosophie (Lectures on Ethics)</i> |
| VR | <i>Vorlesung über die philosophische Religionslehre (Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion)</i> |
| VzeF | <i>Verkündigung des nahen Abschlusses eines Tractats zum ewigen Frieden in der Philosophie (Announcement of the Near Completion of a Treatise on Eternal Peace in Philosophy)</i> |